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RAILWAYS
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IDENTITY CARDS UNDER TATKAL SEWA SCHEME .
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the massive irregularities have been committed in providing identity cards under Tatkal Sewa Scheme:

(b) if so, whether any vigilance inquiry has been conducted in this regard:

(c) if so, the findings thereof:

(d) the details of the officials involved therein alongwith the action taken against each of them:

(e) whether private contractors were appointed to issue Identity Cards under Tatkal Sewa Scheme accordingto the norms laid down by Railways:

(f) whether it is a fact that Tatkal Identity Cards become a security threat to the nation : and (g) if so, the steps being taken to cancel Identity Cards, which have already been issued?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) to (e) : The matter is under investigation.

(f) and (g) : No, Sir. Tatkal Identity Cards were

issued with the sole purpose of facilitating

passengers to avail themselves of Tatkal reservation

facility and they cannot be considered as a proof of

identity for any other purpose.

Mention of this fact has also been made on these

identity cards. A specific public notification to

the effect that these Identity Cards should not be

relied upon as a document for any other transaction

with Government or private agencies, has also been

made in newspapers.

Moreover, Ministry of Home Affairs and

Ministry of External Affairs have also been advised

that these Identity Cards cannot be considered as

proof of Indian Citizenship or for any other

purpose.

The ground situation has since changed and voter Identity Card is available to a large number of people. The Tatkal Scheme has also become very popular and people are now aware of the requirements of this Scheme. In view of this, and to avoid any possibility of these cards being mistaken as proof of identity, issue of these cards has since been discontinued.